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Applicants hereby elect Group I which includes claims 33-60. Please cancel claims 85-91, 100-103, and 114-140. The cancellation is without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the claimed subject matter in a timely-filed continuation application. The cancellation is expressly not to be construed as an abandonment of the subject matter.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the species listed below if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Action also requests that Applicants identify those claims that read on the species elected under paragraph 5. They are provided in parentheses.

- 1) a cell as recited in claim 35 for a specific support recited in the Action at paragraph 5, part I, (readable on claims 33, 35, 36, and 39-60);
- 2) the combination of a costimulatory molecule as recited in claim 44 and an adhesion molecule as recited in claim 46 for a specific combination of specific accessory molecules recited in the Action at paragraph 5, part II, (readable on claims 33-47, 50-52, 56, 57, and 58);
- 3) B7.1 as recited in claim 45 for a specific costimulatory molecule recited in the Action at paragraph 5, part IIA), (readable on claims 33-47, 50-52, 56, 57, and 58); and
- 4) ICAM-1 as recited in claim 47 for a specific adhesion molecule recited in the Action at paragraph 5, part IIB), (readable on claims 33-47, 50-52, 56, 57, and 58).

Applicants traverse the restriction of the above species recited in paragraph 5 of the Action on the basis that the generic claims, including those now canceled in the present response, recite a multiplicity of species that do not require an unduly extensive and burdensome search. All the generic claims recite as a common element the synthetic antigen presenting matrix for activating T cells. A search of the prior art with the synthetic antigen presenting matrix as specified in the context of the present

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invention generically will result in a compilation of all the elements of the matrix without undue burden.

Applicants request entry of the above-identified response to the Restriction Requirement.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments regarding the subject application to our Deposit Account No. 19-0962.

Respectfully submitted,

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